being discussed in the Sixth Committee of the United Nations General Assembly, and reiterated support for its early finalisation.

Transfer of prisoners from Myanmar Jail

1281. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact of Shri S. Gandhi Singh and three others who have been in Myanmar Jail since 1995;

(b) if so, in which Myanmar Jail they are kept as prisoners; and

(c) whether Government have not taken up the matter with Myanmar Government for transferring them in country to keep them under country's legal system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. They are in Mandalay Jail, having been convicted under the Narcotics Act of Myanmar. The Indian Embassy in Yangon maintains contact with the prisoners through consular access and checks on their welfare.

Number of talks between India and Pakistan

†1282. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of round of talks have been held between India and Pakistan over the years; and

(b) if so, when, where and of which levels the same were held and what have been the main issues during each round of talks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) Yes, Sir.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.